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Report by the Director-General

Addendum

1. Subsequent to the developments reported in document IDB.23/13, there were further consultations between the Government of Slovenia and UNIDO.

2. The Slovenian authorities informed the Secretariat that, on the basis of the feedback it had received, it did not feel that it was opportune at this time to pursue further the option of establishing the centre as a subsidiary organ of the Board, as had been originally proposed at the twenty-second session.

3. Nevertheless, the Government was encouraged by the support that had been voiced by other Member States for the concept of an international centre for sustainable industrial development. Mindful of its need for further assistance from UNIDO, the Government suggested to UNIDO to enter into a technical cooperation project to render the centre operational. The project will be governed by a self-financed trust fund agreement between the Government of Slovenia and UNIDO.

4. The text of the project document and trust fund agreement is currently being finalized.

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